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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0204

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PEPR, SO

SUBJ: DELIVERY OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT FOR CONGRESS

REF: STATE 024413

1. FOLLOWING CONSIDERABLE DELIBERATION EMBASSY HAS CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO PASS REFTEL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMALLY TO AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN DELIVER IT IN MOGADISCIO. WE BELIEVE ADDOU MORE CAPABLE OF INTRODUCING THE REPORT INTO GSDR OFFICIAL CHANNELS WITH MINIMUM DAMAGE THAN ANYONE HERE IN MOGADISCIO. FURTHERMORE, WE CANNOT BELIEVE DELIVERY OF THE REPORT HERE COULD BE INTERPRETED IN ANY OTHER WAY THAN A GRATUITOUS AND NON-PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE SOMALI ROLE IN THE OGADEN WAR. AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING GSDR MINISTERS HERE TO THINK CONSTRUCTIVELY ABOUT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, AND AT A POINT WHEN WE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON TITLE I ASSISTANCE, DELIVERY HERE WOULD BE AT BEST A CONFUSING SIGNAL. WE BELIEVE IT COULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING IN LAUNCHING OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PASS THE REPORT HERE WERE IT NOT FOR THE INTRODUCTORY PHRASE ON THE GSDR ROLE IN THE WAR. IN OUR VIEW THIS WAS
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AN UNFORTUNATE OPENING TO A REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND A NEEDLESS IRRITANT. THERE IS NO QUARREL WITH THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENT. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, SOME THINGS ARE BETTER LEFT UNSAID.
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